अधिकारी नियुक्त किया है जिसे भाषायी अल्पसंख्याकों की समस्याओं के लिए आयुक्त भी कहा जाता है । विशेष अधिकारी का कर्तव्य संविधान के अंतर्गत भाषायी अल्पसंख्याकों को प्रदान किए गए सुरक्षोपायों से संबंधित सभी मामलों की जांच करना और उन सभी मामलों पर राष्ट्रपति को आवधिक रूप से रिपोर्ट देना है । भारत के भाषायी अल्पसंख्याकों के विशेष आयुक्त ने अब तक सरकार को 34- वार्षिक रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत की हैं जिनमेम से 33 रिपोर्टो को संसंद के दोनों सदनों के सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है ।

Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary Organisations in Himahcal Pradesh

1355.SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1629 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th December, 1998 and state;

(a) The names of the Voulntary Organisations in Himachal Pradesh getting grant-in-aid from the Government and the quantum of the grant-in-aid in each case;

(b) whether Government have received some more cases from the States, particularly Himachal Pradesh asking for such grants, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of meetings held with the Government of Himachal Pradesh during 1996, 1997, 1998 and upto 28th February, 1999 and the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANKEA GANDHI): (a) A statement-l is enlcosed. *(See* below)

(b) Yes, Sir. 3 more proposals have been received from N.G.Os. in Himachal Pradesh, out of which one has since been sanction. Details are given in the enclosed statement *(See* below).

(c) Since the meetings held are of informal nature, no account of such meetings is available.

Statement-I

Details of Voluntary Organisations in Himahcal Pradesh getting Grant-in-aid from the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (as mentioned in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1629 for 14-12-98).

SI. No.	Name of the Organisation	Purpose	Amount released (Rs. in Lakhs)	
			1996-97	1997-98
1,	Himachal Pradesh State Council for child Welfare, Shimla	1. Running Education-cum-Training Centre for Adult, Deaf, Dumb & Blind 2. School for Deaf Dumb, Physically handicapped & blind.	7.69	12.12
2.	Indira Ladies club, Nahan, Sirmar Distt.	1. One Day care centre for 50 old Persons. 2. Mobile Medicare unit	3.23	—

Statement-II

Details of additional proposals received from voluntary organisations in Himachal Pradesh.

Sl. No.	Name of the Organisation	Purpose	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Rinchen Zehgpo Society* Spiti Development, Distt. Kangra	Setting up- residential school for STs.	A sum of Rs. 1,77,960 has been sanctioned during 1998-99.
2.	Himachal Pradesh Mahila Kalyan Mandal, Kullu	Running old age Home.	State Govt. of Himachal Pradesh has been requested for revalidation of their recommendation/inspection-report.
3.	Yuva Satta, Shimla	De-addiction Centre-Telephone Counselling	Organisation advised through the State Govt. to modify the porposal.

New Gold Mines in Bihar

1356. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gold mines in the country;

(b) whether Government have found gold reserves in the country, particularly in Bihar;

(c) if so, the steps taken for mining of gold in the new gold reserves in Bihar; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) The number of working gold mines in the country is seven.

(b) to (d) Geological Survey of India (GSI) and/or Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) have established gold reserves in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. The recoverable reserves of gold in the country as on 1.4.1995 reported by the Indian Bureau of Mines (I.B.M.) are placed at 17.78 million tonnes of ore containing 67.9 tonnes of gold metal. The recoverable reserves of gold in Bihar are placed at 7200 tonnes of ore containing 100 (One hundred) kgs. of gold in Singhbhum district. The Central Government as per Section 5 of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957 have, in March 1998, accorded prior approval to the State Government of Bihar for grant of mining lease for gold ore over an area of 19.50 hectares in Village Kunderkocha of Singhbhum district in favour of M/s Man Mohan Minerals Industries (Pvt.) Ltd. for a period of 30 years.

Revival proposal for IISCO

1357. SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA: SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tyaz Pron Exports, Russia has requested Government for writing off the entire ac-